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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES SHARPLY

The Statewide actual unemployment rate dropped a full percentage point between February and March, to 6.3 percent in mid-March. The current rate was two percentage points below the year-ago rate of 8.3 percent. There were an estimated 518,000 jobless Texans in March 1989, down 76,000 from the February total and over 150,000 below the number of unemployed in March 1988. Total employment was estimated at 7,641,600 in March 1989, up substantially both over the month and over the year. There were an estimated 188,300 agricultural workers in Texas in March, according to the Current Population Survey.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also decreased over the month, but not as dramatically as the actual rate. The March rate in this series was 6.0 percent, down from 6.7 percent in February and 7.9 percent a year ago. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate inched downward from 5.1 percent in February to 5.0 percent in March, while the actual rate for the Nation declined from 5.6 percent to 5.2 percent over the past month.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. '89	Feb.'89	Mar.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,222.0	121,906.0	119,957.0
Unemployment	6,378.0	6,883.0	7,090.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.6%	5.9%
Total Employment	115,844.0	115,023.0	112,867.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,264.0	123,181.0	120,936.0
Unemployment	6,128.0	6,328.0	6,807.0
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	5.1%	5.6%
Total Employment	117,136.0	116,853.0	114,129.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,159.5	8,150.5	8,138.7
Unemployment	517.9	594.0	671.8
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.3%	8.3%
Total Employment	7,641.6	7,556.5	7,466.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,283.0	8,254.0	8,254.0
Unemployment	495.0	551.0	649.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.7%	7.9%
Total Employment	7,788.0	7,703.0	7,605.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE

The number of **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs** in Texas rose by almost 28,000 between February and March. Growth was reported in every major industry sector in March, although some sectors recorded only moderate increases.

The largest gains occurred in **Services**, which rose by 7,700. Business and Repair Services generated about half of the total over-the-month increase, with 3,600 additional jobs. Most of that advance was in Business Services, where inventory and tax return season required additional temporary help. The advent of tax season also pushed employment up in Personal Services. Amusements, including Motion Pictures, gained a substantial number of jobs in March, due to an acceleration in outdoor activities. Only one industry group within Services recorded a downturn — Health Services lost 500 jobs during the month.

Construction had its best month since this time last year, with the addition of over 6,000 jobs in March. Even with this sizeable increase, however, total jobs in Construction were still close to 20,000 below the year-ago level. As shown on **Chart 1**, page 3, employment in Construction dipped in the latter half of 1987, rose slightly in the first half of 1988, then slid downward again through 1988. There were fewer Construction jobs in February 1989 than at any time in over ten years. March marked the first upturn this sector has seen in 1989.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	MAR. '89*	FEB. '89**	MAR. '88**	MAR. '89*	FEB. '89**	MAR. '88**	MAR. '89*	FEB. '89**	MAR. '88**	MAR. '89*	FEB. '89**	MAR. '88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,200	49,700	48,600	78,700	78,700	77,300	384,700	384,100	355,600	133,500	132,400	130,100
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,700	9,000	9,100	10,000	41,100	41,200	40,400	25,400	25,100	24,400
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,200	1,400	1,300	1,300	700	700	800	1,800	1,800	1,700
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,800	3,800	3,500	13,100	13,300	14,400	9,100	8,700	7,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,400	2,400	5,800	5,800	5,600	10,500	10,400	10,700	9,600	9,600	9,400
Trade	13,500	13,800	13,100	22,200	22,300	21,800	75,300	75,600	77,200	32,200	31,900	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,500	24,000	24,000	24,500	5,100	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,000	13,100	16,900	16,900	16,300	85,700	86,000	84,400	29,600	29,500	29,400
Government	9,000	9,000	8,900	13,600	13,700	14,300	104,300	103,900	103,200	20,700	20,600	20,400
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	60,600	60,400	56,100	70,600	69,800	67,700	50,900	50,900	49,300	126,100	125,100	124,000
Manufacturing	16,000	15,700	15,400	9,900	10,000	9,800	3,300	3,400	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,300	–	–	–	800	800	800	4,500	4,500	3,900
Construction	7,400	7,400	5,900	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,700	8,400	8,100	8,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,400	1,400	1,500	6,400	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,800	18,600	18,200	17,700	10,700	10,700	10,500	31,200	31,000	31,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,700	3,800	3,800	1,700	1,700	1,800	7,100	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,400	8,100	16,000	15,700	14,700	9,100	9,200	8,800	29,000	28,800	28,600
Government	11,300	11,300	10,900	17,100	17,000	16,800	22,200	22,100	21,200	28,100	28,100	27,600
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,342.1	1,337.6	1,338.6	195,500	195,200	192,000	532,700	529,500	523,500	71,300	70,300	71,200
Manufacturing	221.1	221.9	222.7	40,000	40,100	40,500	121,400	121,900	119,100	8,400	8,300	8,400
Mining	17.4	17.5	18.8	–	–	–	4,100	4,100	3,800	500	500	600
Construction	49.9	49.1	56.7	8,900	8,700	9,100	21,900	21,800	23,000	5,000	4,900	4,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.5	91.9	90.2	10,600	10,600	10,500	31,000	30,900	29,800	4,600	4,600	4,500
Trade	347.8	345.9	340.7	47,100	46,800	45,100	136,800	136,600	136,500	13,900	13,400	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	128.6	127.0	130.0	8,400	8,500	8,700	26,700	26,800	27,000	4,000	4,100	4,300
Services & Misc.	333.5	331.2	326.2	39,000	39,000	37,600	120,700	119,100	115,800	13,900	13,600	13,500
Government	153.3	153.1	151.3	41,500	41,700	40,500	70,100	69,500	68,700	21,000	20,900	21,700
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,462.1	1,454.0	1,420.7	71,700	71,800	69,600	38,900	38,800	37,000	65,700	65,700	65,100
Manufacturing	157.3	158.4	152.8	8,400	8,500	7,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	15,500	15,700	15,800
Mining	66.7	66.3	64.7	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	87.4	85.5	84.8	3,500	3,800	3,400	1,200	1,100	1,200	3,000	2,900	3,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.6	100.2	102.2	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,100	5,100	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	362.0	359.3	349.4	16,300	16,200	15,800	11,600	11,600	10,600	17,100	17,000	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	99.5	101.4	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	391.4	390.3	377.2	16,300	16,500	15,800	6,100	6,100	6,100	12,100	12,100	11,800
Government	197.1	198.5	186.2	21,400	21,200	21,500	9,800	9,700	9,100	8,600	8,600	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,900	94,800	92,400	100,500	100,700	94,100	44,100	44,200	44,800	42,400	42,300	43,500
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,100	14,300	14,800	12,700	2,500	2,800	2,800	4,000	3,900	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,700	9,700	10,300	5,800	5,800	6,200
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,200	4,200	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,800	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,700	27,800	27,700	32,100	31,800	29,100	9,700	9,700	9,900	12,800	12,800	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,200	3,700	3,800	3,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,600	22,800	16,300	16,200	15,800	9,800	9,500	9,800	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	22,100	22,000	21,700	25,900	25,900	25,000	6,700	6,700	6,400	7,500	7,500	7,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,900	36,900	36,800	507,300	503,800	488,500	37,000	36,900	37,600	45,400	45,100	44,800
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	47,400	47,400	47,600	11,000	11,000	11,200	7,400	7,400	7,400
Mining	500	500	500	1,900	2,000	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500	22,200	22,200	26,400	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200	19,000	18,900	19,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,300	9,300	9,100	127,200	126,200	125,000	7,800	7,700	7,800	10,600	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,800	39,800	39,200	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,100	126,000	126,300	123,600	8,400	8,500	8,700	9,500	9,500	9,100
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	121,800	121,200	116,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	12,400	12,400	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	60,800	60,700	60,100	27,800	27,600	27,800	80,200	80,400	78,900	50,500	50,600	50,300
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,600	3,000	3,000	3,100	14,800	14,900	14,500	8,000	7,900	8,100
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,300	1,200	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,500	3,600	3,400	2,100	2,000	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,600	2,600
Trade	15,800	15,800	15,900	7,700	7,700	7,500	18,600	18,600	18,700	12,100	12,000	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,800	14,300	6,200	6,200	6,000	22,000	21,800	21,400	11,800	11,900	11,900
Government	9,600	9,600	9,400	5,200	5,100	4,900	13,000	13,000	12,700	9,800	10,000	9,700

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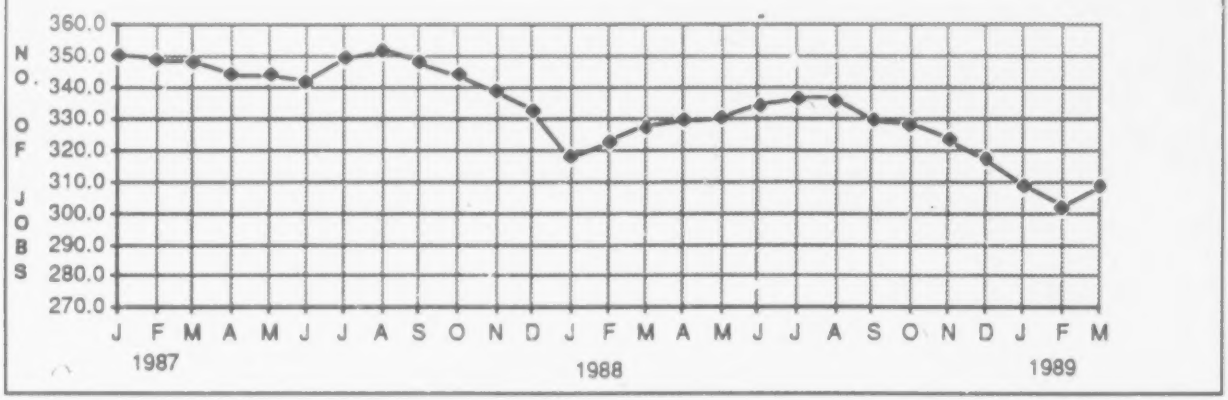
CHART 1
EMPLOYMENT IN CONSTRUCTION
STATE OF TEXAS
Jan. 1987 - Mar. 1989 (Prel.)



Over 5,000 jobs were created within **Government** in March, with most of the growth centered in Local Government. Much of the gain was due to final auxilitary staffing of local schools and colleges for the spring semester. Federal Government rose in preparation for income tax deadlines.

Both **Wholesale and Retail Trade** showed substantial expansion over the month, adding 5,000 additional jobs. The Wholesale sector gained 1,500 positions in March, and all but one sector of Retail Trade expanded. Eating and Drinking Places recorded the largest of the Retail increases, with 1,200 jobs created over the month. General Merchandise Stores benefitted from Easter sales; while Building Materials and Garden Supplies registered a seasonal upturn. Only Food Stores, with a decline of 100 jobs, had lower employment in March.

Transportation, except Railroads, gained 1,300 jobs over the month, due primarily to increased business in Trucking and Warehousing. This growth provided most of the expansion recorded in March in **Transportation and Public Utilities**. Communication and Utilities were basically unchanged from February levels.

Employment rose moderately over the month in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, with some job gains in every sector. Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers increased by 500 jobs in March. An equal-sized gain occurred in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate; and Banking recorded a smaller advance.

Oil and Gas Extraction experienced a modest increase, pushing **Mining** up slightly despite a small decline in Metal and Coal and Nonmetallic Minerals, except Fuel. Although Mining has made some small gains, it still has far to go to even equal its year-ago employment levels.

Manufacturing experienced only moderate job growth in March, with 1,100 additional positions. During the past year, however, almost 14,000 Manufacturing jobs have been created in Texas. Most of the over-the-month advance was concentrated in the Nondurable Goods sector, as Durable Goods managed only a minor upturn. This has been the pattern for the past few months, with equal or stronger growth occurring in Nondurable Goods.

Within the **Durable Goods** segment, the largest gain was in Nonelectrical Machinery, where increased business required 900 more jobs in March. Other increases in this sector were more modest, but fairly widespread. Stone, Clay and Glass Products, along with Furniture and Fixtures and Fabricated Metal Industries, eked out a cautious advance over the month.

Two downturns occurred within Durable Goods in March. Electric and Electronic Equipment lost 1,000 jobs, as a major contractor began releasing workers to reduce costs through early retirements and voluntary terminations. A smaller decline occurred in Transportation Equipment, which lost 300 jobs over the month.

Gains and losses were also somewhat interspersed in the **Nondurable Goods** sector, which had a net gain of 900 jobs. The largest of the increases occurred in Apparel and Other

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Mar. '89*	Feb. '89**	Mar. '88**	Feb. '89	Mar. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,732,700	6,704,800	6,599,100	27,900	133,600
MANUFACTURING	965,900	964,800	952,000	1,100	13,900
Durable Goods	556,800	556,600	549,300	200	7,500
Lumber & Wood Products	33,000	33,200	33,400	-200	-400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,100	7,200	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	16,000	16,300	200	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,500	41,200	41,700	300	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,000	18,000	300	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,300	28,300	28,300	0	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	77,600	73,700	100	4,000
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,900	36,900	35,000	0	1,900
Machinery, exc. Electrical	107,200	106,300	104,900	900	2,300
Oil Field Machinery	25,300	25,000	25,300	300	0
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,500	116,500	116,400	-1,000	-900
Transportation Equipment	98,100	98,400	96,200	-300	1,900
Aircraft & Parts	56,300	56,700	54,700	-400	1,600
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,500	24,500	24,100	0	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,600	14,300	200	500
Nondurable Goods	409,100	408,200	402,700	900	6,400
Food & Kindred Products	98,500	97,100	98,200	-600	300
Meat Products	28,600	28,600	28,500	0	100
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	9,700	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	2,800	2,900	3,000	-100	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,300	57,600	56,600	700	1,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,200	25,300	24,000	-100	1,200
Printing & Publishing	75,300	75,500	74,700	-200	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,600	35,800	36,700	-200	-1,100
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,100	77,800	76,700	300	1,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,400	28,300	28,800	100	-400
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,200	25,500	100	-200
Leather & Leather Products	8,300	8,200	7,700	100	600
Other Nondurable Goods	35,200	34,600	34,300	600	900
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,766,800	5,740,000	5,647,100	26,800	119,700
Mining	177,500	177,300	185,900	200	-8,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	9,100	10,000	-200	-1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,600	168,200	175,900	400	-7,300
Construction	308,400	302,200	327,600	6,200	-19,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	397,000	395,600	385,200	1,400	11,800
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,900	0	-1,900
Transportation, exc. Railroads	220,800	219,500	206,500	1,300	14,300
Transportation by Air	68,200	67,900	62,600	300	5,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,100	81,000	81,900	100	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,100	76,100	75,900	0	200
Electric Services	41,200	41,000	41,100	200	100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,400	27,200	-200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,647,900	1,642,900	1,629,600	5,000	18,300
Wholesale Trade	415,300	413,800	409,400	1,500	5,900
Retail Trade	1,232,600	1,229,100	1,220,200	3,500	12,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	42,400	41,700	43,600	700	-1,200
General Merchandise Stores	167,400	166,500	159,300	900	8,100
Food Stores	216,600	216,700	220,700	-100	-4,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,300	133,200	135,600	100	-2,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,600	83,500	82,900	100	700
Eating & Drinking Places	407,400	406,200	401,000	1,200	6,400
Other Retail Trade	181,900	181,300	177,100	600	4,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	439,700	438,500	437,900	1,200	1,800
Banking	96,900	96,700	93,900	200	3,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,200	141,700	140,100	500	2,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,600	200,100	203,900	500	-3,300
Services	1,567,600	1,559,900	1,498,300	7,700	69,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,300	82,600	81,600	700	1,700
Personal Services	87,700	86,900	86,000	800	1,700
Business & Repair Services	439,400	435,800	415,500	3,600	23,900
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	55,000	53,800	53,800	1,200	1,200
Health Services	431,700	432,200	407,200	-500	24,500
Educational Services	79,000	78,200	79,500	800	-500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	391,500	390,400	374,700	1,100	16,800
Total Government	1,228,700	1,223,600	1,182,800	5,100	46,100
Federal Government	200,000	199,200	194,900	800	5,100
State Government	249,300	248,800	240,100	500	9,200
Local Government	779,400	775,600	747,800	3,800	31,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,900	53,200	52,400	95,700	96,100	96,600	416,900	416,100	424,100
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,600	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,300	20,800	23,300	29,100
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.8%	7.6%	5.2%	6.2%	6.5%	5.0%	5.6%	6.9%
Total Employment ++	49,800	49,600	48,400	90,700	90,100	90,300	396,100	392,800	395,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	158,900	159,400	159,300	82,000	81,700	79,900	97,300	97,700	96,400
Total Unemployment	13,500	15,800	18,300	5,200	5,900	7,500	10,700	12,500	14,500
Percent Unemployed	8.5%	9.9%	11.5%	6.3%	7.2%	9.4%	11.0%	12.8%	15.0%
Total Employment ++	145,400	143,600	141,000	76,800	75,800	72,400	86,600	85,200	81,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,200	59,000	57,200	156,200	154,400	157,300	1,420.8	1,417.0	1,427.9
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,800	2,800	12,300	13,600	17,100	70.5	79.1	90.7
Percent Unemployed	4.4%	4.7%	4.9%	7.9%	8.8%	10.9%	5.0%	5.6%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	56,600	56,200	54,400	143,900	140,800	140,200	1,350.3	1,337.9	1,337.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	236,900	237,900	236,300	675,600	673,400	672,200	103,200	103,100	106,700
Total Unemployment	22,900	25,700	27,100	34,900	40,200	47,000	6,900	8,100	10,900
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	10.8%	11.5%	5.2%	6.0%	7.0%	6.7%	7.9%	10.2%
Total Employment ++	214,000	212,200	209,200	640,700	633,200	625,200	96,300	95,000	95,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,607.6	1,601.1	1,583.7	94,000	94,600	91,400	48,100	49,000	47,200
Total Unemployment	88.1	99.3	123.4	6,500	7,800	7,800	6,100	7,600	8,100
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.2%	7.8%	6.9%	8.2%	8.5%	12.7%	15.5%	17.2%
Total Employment ++	1,519.5	1,501.8	1,460.3	87,500	86,800	83,600	42,000	41,400	39,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,900	78,100	77,300	114,200	112,600	111,100	158,200	163,900	153,800
Total Unemployment	6,500	7,300	7,800	6,800	6,100	6,700	24,800	31,300	30,200
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	9.3%	10.1%	6.0%	5.4%	6.0%	15.7%	19.1%	19.6%
Total Employment ++	71,400	70,800	69,500	107,400	106,500	104,400	133,400	132,600	123,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,100	48,200	48,700	51,400	51,500	53,000	44,500	44,500	44,200
Total Unemployment	2,600	3,100	3,500	4,000	4,500	4,500	2,300	2,600	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	6.4%	7.2%	7.8%	8.7%	8.5%	5.2%	5.8%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,100	45,200	47,400	47,000	48,500	42,200	41,900	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	597,800	596,300	595,600	47,600	46,800	48,400	56,800	56,700	57,000
Total Unemployment	39,900	45,500	50,000	3,400	3,100	3,600	4,100	4,700	5,000
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.6%	8.4%	7.1%	6.6%	7.4%	7.2%	8.3%	8.8%
Total Employment ++	557,900	550,800	545,600	44,200	43,700	44,800	52,700	52,000	52,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,000	74,200	73,800	35,500	35,100	35,800	91,300	91,300	91,300
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,500	6,100	2,200	2,200	2,800	4,700	5,400	7,400
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.4%	8.3%	6.2%	6.3%	7.8%	5.1%	5.9%	8.1%
Total Employment ++	69,300	68,700	67,700	33,300	32,900	33,000	86,600	85,900	83,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,400	56,500	56,400				8,159.5	8,150.5	8,138.7
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,700	4,300				517.9	594.0	671.8
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.5%	7.6%				6.3%	7.3%	8.3%
Total Employment ++	53,000	52,800	52,100				7,641.6	7,556.5	7,466.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar.'89*	Feb.'89	Mar.'88	Mar.'89*	Feb.'89	Mar.'88	Mar.'89*	Feb.'89	Mar.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 424.09	$ 415.11	$ 412.98	41.7	41.1	41.8	$ 10.17	10.10	9.88
Durable Goods	420.09	411.64	411.60	41.8	41.0	42.0	10.05	10.04	9.80
Lumber & Wood Products	299.17	297.56	298.87	41.9	41.5	41.8	7.14	7.17	7.15
Furniture & Fixtures	268.77	259.96	251.94	40.6	38.8	39.0	6.62	6.70	6.46
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	396.16	376.80	396.68	42.1	40.0	42.7	9.41	9.42	9.29
Primary Metal Industries	447.12	441.32	448.33	41.4	40.6	41.9	10.80	10.87	10.70
Fabricated Metal Products	384.68	386.20	376.98	42.6	42.3	42.5	9.03	9.13	8.87
Machinery, exc. Electric	425.27	421.10	428.67	42.4	41.9	43.3	10.03	10.05	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	507.24	489.47	514.28	44.3	42.6	46.0	11.45	11.49	11.18
Electric & Electronic Equip.	447.12	435.81	427.11	40.5	39.8	40.6	11.04	10.95	10.52
Transportation Equipment	575.94	547.94	554.51	43.5	41.7	43.8	13.24	13.14	12.66
Instruments & Related Prod.	368.45	393.72	357.48	38.5	40.8	39.5	9.57	9.65	9.05
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.62	268.16	259.00	37.8	38.2	37.0	7.08	7.02	7.00
Nondurable Goods	428.28	420.43	414.59	41.5	41.3	41.5	10.32	10.18	9.99
Food & Kindred Products	351.53	339.07	344.32	41.7	41.0	42.3	8.43	8.27	8.14
Meat Products	263.91	259.03	253.08	41.3	40.6	41.9	6.39	6.38	6.04
Malt Beverages	939.90	857.21	878.20	48.2	44.3	48.6	19.50	19.35	18.07
Textile Mill Products	336.42	352.56	330.86	44.5	45.2	45.2	7.56	7.80	7.32
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	206.98	209.13	201.45	38.4	38.8	37.1	5.39	5.39	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	492.05	480.31	474.79	43.2	43.0	43.8	11.39	11.17	10.84
Printing & Publishing	405.08	391.93	391.45	39.1	38.5	39.5	10.36	10.18	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	706.22	679.54	662.92	44.5	43.2	43.3	15.87	15.73	15.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	690.03	711.45	690.40	43.1	45.0	44.2	16.01	15.81	15.62
Petroleum Refining	716.43	742.80	720.32	42.9	45.1	44.3	16.70	16.47	16.26
Leather & Leather Products	229.52	239.27	213.33	38.0	40.9	39.0	6.04	5.85	5.47
Other Nondurable Goods	396.20	391.78	387.63	43.3	43.1	44.2	9.15	9.09	8.77
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	504.11	522.90	496.11	39.6	40.1	40.4	12.73	13.04	12.28
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	506.78	487.52	561.16	43.5	42.1	46.3	11.65	11.58	12.12
Oil & Gas Extraction	503.43	524.29	492.00	39.3	39.9	40.0	12.81	13.14	12.30
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	507.67	519.38	492.35	39.6	40.2	39.2	12.82	12.92	12.56
Elec., Gas & San. Services	486.98	491.20	456.29	39.4	40.0	39.2	12.36	12.28	11.64
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.88	230.64	225.34	32.3	31.9	32.1	7.21	7.23	7.02
Wholesale Trade	404.29	407.29	386.06	39.1	39.2	38.8	10.34	10.39	9.95
Retail Trade	180.89	176.72	175.80	30.3	29.7	30.0	5.97	5.95	5.86
General Merchandise Stores	174.04	168.70	170.91	29.3	28.4	27.7	5.94	5.94	6.17
Banking	274.17	273.06	250.98	36.9	37.1	35.3	7.43	7.36	7.11

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 418.32	$ 409.85	$ 404.48	41.5	40.7	41.4	$ 10.08	$ 10.07	9.77
Durable Goods	445.17	433.61	424.55	41.8	40.6	41.5	10.65	10.68	10.23
Nondurable Goods	376.07	370.87	370.80	41.1	40.8	41.2	9.15	9.09	9.00
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	447.43	442.74	431.78	41.2	41.3	41.2	10.86	10.72	10.48
Durable Goods	473.93	463.39	453.44	41.5	41.3	41.6	11.42	11.22	10.90
Nondurable Goods	387.32	394.83	379.49	40.6	41.3	40.2	9.54	9.56	9.44
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.02	501.73	492.36	43.9	42.7	44.0	11.80	11.75	11.19
Durable Goods	432.46	411.83	416.61	44.4	42.5	43.9	9.74	9.69	9.49
Nondurable Goods	624.67	611.18	580.36	43.2	42.8	44.0	14.46	14.28	13.19
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	292.55	291.07	298.19	38.8	38.4	39.6	7.54	7.58	7.53
Durable Goods	322.82	321.34	324.26	38.8	38.3	39.4	8.32	8.39	8.23
Nondurable Goods	266.08	263.04	275.02	38.9	38.4	39.8	6.84	6.85	6.91

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Finished Textile Products. This sector added 700 jobs in March. Chemicals and Allied Products gained 300 jobs, and another 600 were added in Other Nondurable Goods.

On the minus side, 600 jobs were lost over the month in Food and Kindred Products, as layoffs occurred in several different sectors. Printing and Publishing decreased by 200 jobs in March, and smaller losses were registered in Paper and Allied Products.

AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS RISE

The average number of hours worked per week and average hourly earnings for Manufacturing production workers in Texas both rose between February and March. There were an estimated 625,900 Manufacturing production workers in the State in March, up 3,400 from the February total. In mid-March, the average Manufacturing production worker worked a 41.7-hour week, making $10.17 per hour. Average Weekly Earnings for March were $424.09.

Average Hourly Earnings increased by 7¢ over the month, while Average Weekly Hours rose by 0.6 hour. The combination of higher hourly wages and a longer work week pushed Average Weekly Earnings up between February and March by $8.98.

Over the year, Average Weekly Hours had changed little, gaining only 0.1 hour, but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 29¢, raising Average Weekly Wages by $11.11.

Most of the increase in Average Weekly Hours occurred in the Durable Goods sector, which rose by 0.8 hour over the past month. The rise in Average Hourly Earnings, however, was centered more in the Nondurable Goods sector, where Earnings went up 14¢ between February and March.

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	MAR.'89	MAR.'88
Total Population	16,881,000*	16,821,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,159	313,430
Total Claims Actions	616,960	677,906
Total Initial Claims Actions	58,283	66,520
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	558,677	611,386
Total Placements	31,792	30,726
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.34	$152.43
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$70,127,671	$79,410,513

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FIRST QUARTER 1989 (JAN.-MAR.)

Abilene	$1,307,143
Amarillo	2,421,073
Austin	8,502,698
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,992,625
Brazoria	2,205,938
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,865,795
Bryan-College Station	1,121,881
Corpus Christi	3,991,006
Dallas	31,863,396
El Paso	7,194,615
Fort Worth-Arlington	14,925,155
Galveston-Texas City	2,876,823
Houston	35,080,389
Killeen-Temple	1,972,136
Laredo	1,381,759
Longview-Marshall	2,870,726
Lubbock	1,428,784
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,819,684
Midland	1,272,438
Odessa	1,886,853
San Angelo	889,534
San Antonio	13,947,285
Sherman-Denison	1,284,526
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,011,929
Tyler	2,007,659
Victoria	878,352
Waco	1,890,248
Wichita Falls	1,450,218
State of Texas	211,526,342

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